

Buildings and Grounds Committee Minutes  
February 13, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Rowland; Supervisors Hargrave, Jenkins, Lucia, Barrett, Lewza, Wright, Kinowski, Grattidge, Southworth and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Joseph Ritchey, Tom Speziale, Public Works; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Adirondack Soaring; Roger Schiera, Bill Fruci, Elections; Press.

Chairman Rowland called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Ritchey said discussions have taken place with National Grid with regard to their energy efficiency program. Mr. Ritchey requested a resolution to upgrade the county's electrical systems to save costs. This project will replace 5433 light fixtures, ballast and sensors. The program was setup in a bid format so there would be no impact on the county. After the contractor has been paid there will be a net annual savings for the first five years of \$40,446. Once the contract obligation is completed after five years the savings will be \$141,159 annually.

Mr. Hargrave asked how long it would take to complete the work. Mr. Ritchey said approximately three months.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to authorize the Chairman to enter into a contract with SmartWatt Energy, Inc. for building lighting and control upgrades in the amount of \$8,392.50 per month for 60 months with no budget impact. Unanimous.**

Mr. Ritchey said there has been a request by the Town of Moreau to construct a pumping station in order to pump into the Water Authority water system. These are reforested lands, so we would have to designate other county property as reforested land in order to balance it out. Mr. Kemper has researched different areas throughout the county and it was determined that the best parcel would be a .082 parcel on Spruce Mountain. Mr. Ritchey said this parcel is in the process of being subdivided and is in a location that it wouldn't be used for much of anything else. The committee agreed to authorize the County Attorney to move forward with the process.

Mr. Rowland said the property at 35 Bath Street has been offered as an option to store equipment from the Board of Elections that is currently being stored at an offsite property and to also relocate offices out of building five.

Mr. Rowland said elections is looking for committee approval to continue to explore the option at 35 Bath Street.

Mr. Fruci said he would like to have the county engineers take a look at the site at 35 Bath Street as well as the current sites to see if they would meet current and future needs. Mr. Fruci said there are still some lever voting machines that are being stored on site that he is looking to dispose. Approximately 56 lever machines have already been disposed.

The committee agreed to allow Public Works to look into the 35 Bath Street property and any other available property to see if it would meet the needs of the Elections Department.

Mr. Ritchey said the Capital District Transportation Authority has a bicycle rack program where you can apply for up to \$1,000 worth of bicycle racks. This would amount to nine racks that would have to be picked up and installed by the county. Mr. Ritchey said Public Works is in the process of filing the application.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Lucia the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom